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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 27, 2001

APPLICATION OF

THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY
d/b/a ALLEGHENY POWER

CASE NO. PUE000280

For approval of a Functional
Separation Plan

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION ON PROCEDURAL DATES

On December 19, 2000, The Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power ("AP" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") in Case No. PUE000280. That application, among other things, requested approval of AP's unbundled rates, retail access tariffs, and a "Competitive Service Provider Coordination Tariff".

On June 22, 2001, the Commission entered an "Order Prescribing Notice and Inviting Comments and/or Request for Hearing", that, among other things, invited interested parties to file comments or requests for hearing on AP's application by July 27, 2001, and directed Staff to review the Company's application and file a report, detailing the results of its investigation on or before September 4, 2001. Ordering Paragraph (9) of the June 22, 2001 Order provided that the

Company and any interested person could file responses to the Staff's Report on or before September 20, 2001.

On July 27, 2001, AES NewEnergy, Inc. ("AES") filed comments in response to the June 22, 2001 Order. AES did not request a hearing, but reserved its rights to participate further in this proceeding.

On August 17, 2001, the Staff filed a "Motion to Extend Procedural Dates". Staff requested that the date by which its Report must be filed in the matter be extended from September 4, 2001, to October 12, 2001, and the date by which responses to the Report may be filed be extended to October 31, 2001. Staff noted that it required additional time in which to prepare its Report to consider various revisions the Company intended to make in its cost of service study and unbundled rates. Staff represented that both AP and AES did not oppose the request for an extension.

NOW, UPON consideration of the Staff's August 17, 2001 Motion, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that good cause for an extension of time has been shown; that the Staff's August 17, 2001 Motion should be granted; that the date by which the Staff's Report on the Company's application for approval of unbundled rates, retail access tariffs, and competitive service provider tariffs should be extended from September 4, 2001, to October 12, 2001; that the date by which responses to the Staff

Report may be filed should be extended from September 20, 2001 to October 31, 2001; and that the remaining provisions of the June 22, 2001 Order Prescribing Notice and Inviting Comments and/or Request for Hearing should remain in effect.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Staff's August 17, 2001 Motion to Extend Procedural Dates is hereby granted.

(2) The date by which the Staff shall file its report, detailing the results of its investigation shall be extended from September 4, 2001, to October 12, 2001.

(3) The date by which responses to the Staff Report may be filed shall be extended from September 20, 2001, to October 31, 2001.

(4) The other provisions of the June 22, 2001 "Order Prescribing Notice and Inviting Comments and/or Request for Hearing" shall remain in effect.